

研究例 2  
未分化細胞の  
分化制御

# Extracellular syntaxin4 impacts on cell adhesion and differentiation of embryonal carcinoma F9 cells.

細胞外シンタキシンによるEC細胞の接着と分化への影響

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## Background and our question

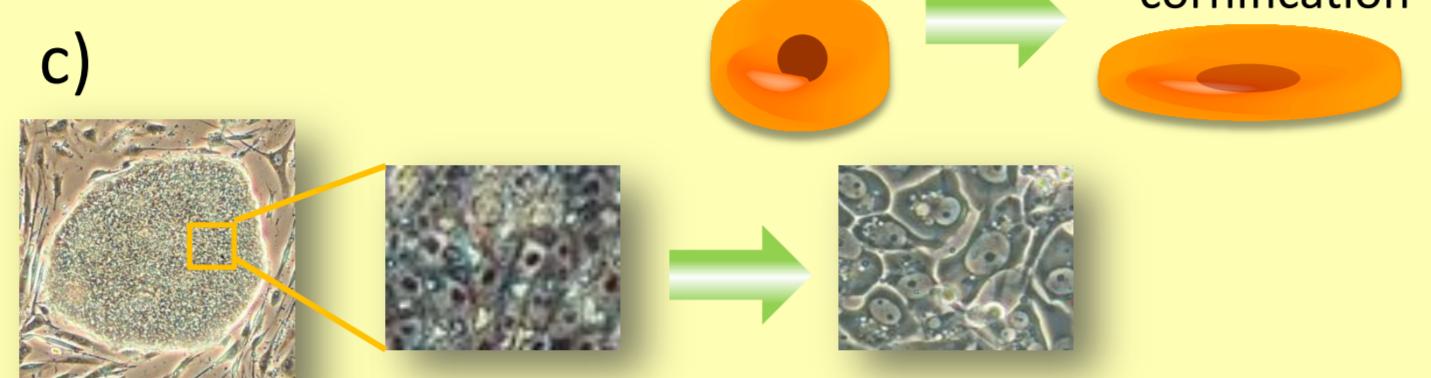
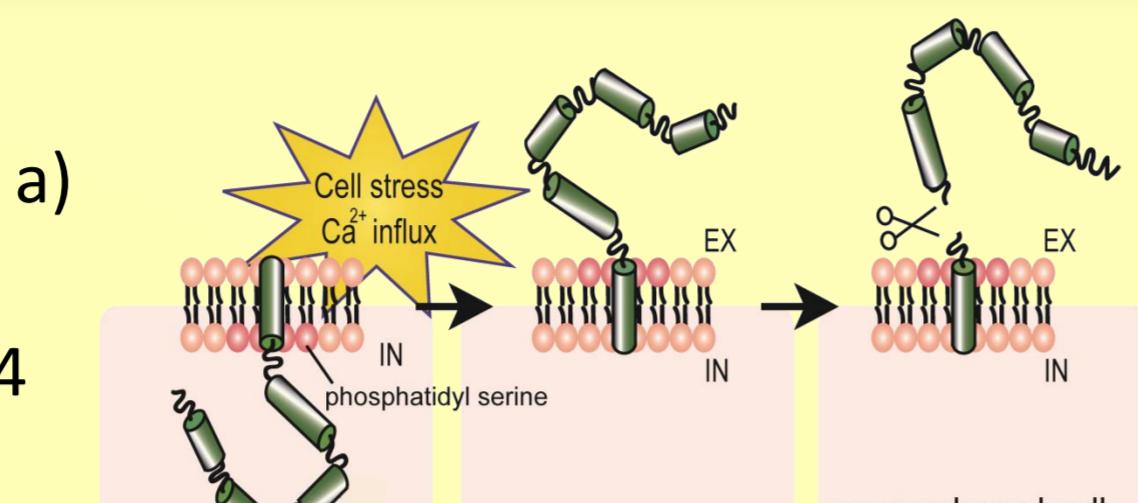
### syntaxins (stxs)

a) Subpopulations of certain syntaxins including syntaxin4 translocate across the cell membrane in response to external stimuli.

b) The extracellularly presented syntaxins regulate morphology and differentiation of several epithelial cell types.

### Anaplastic cells

c) The differentiation is accompanied by the cell shape change.



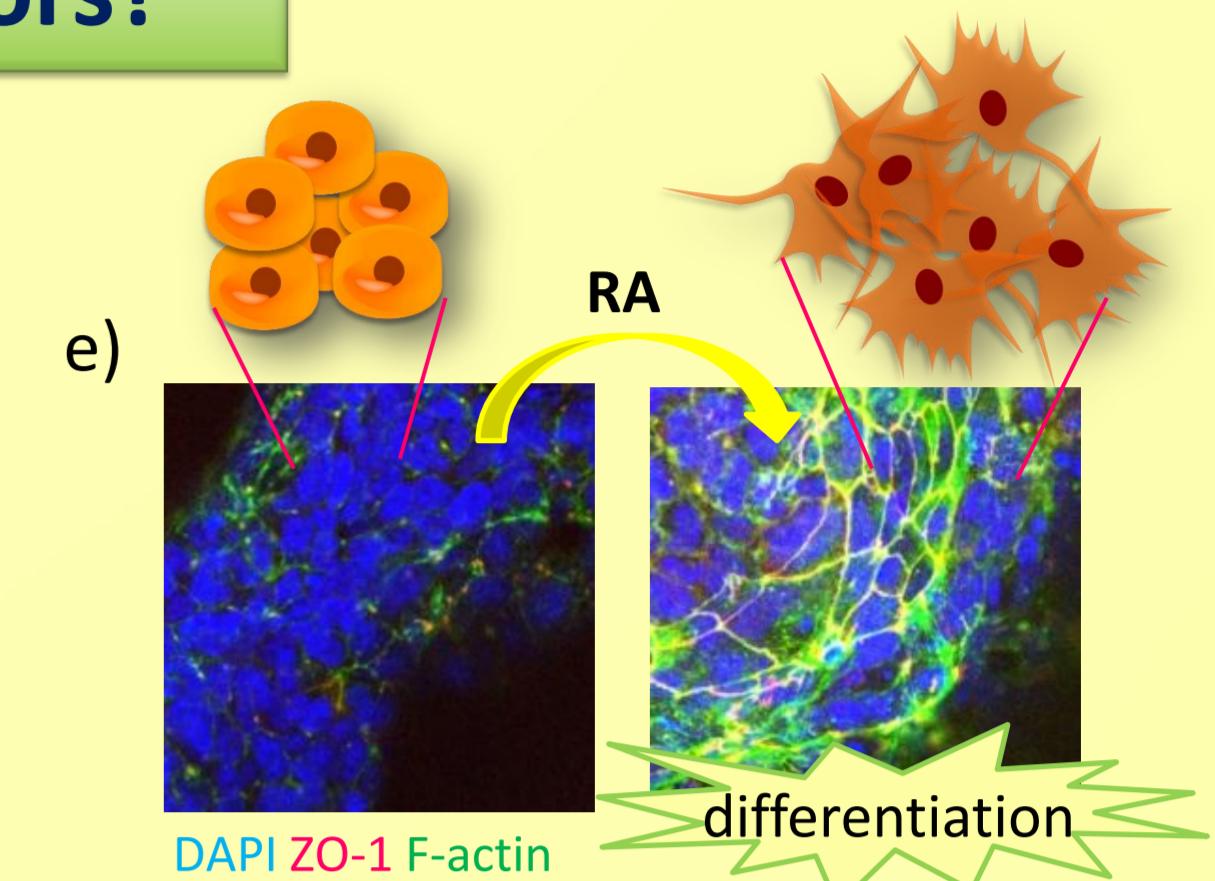
## <OUR QUESTION>

Extracellularly presented syntaxin4 affects anaplastic cell behaviors?

Model: F9 cells

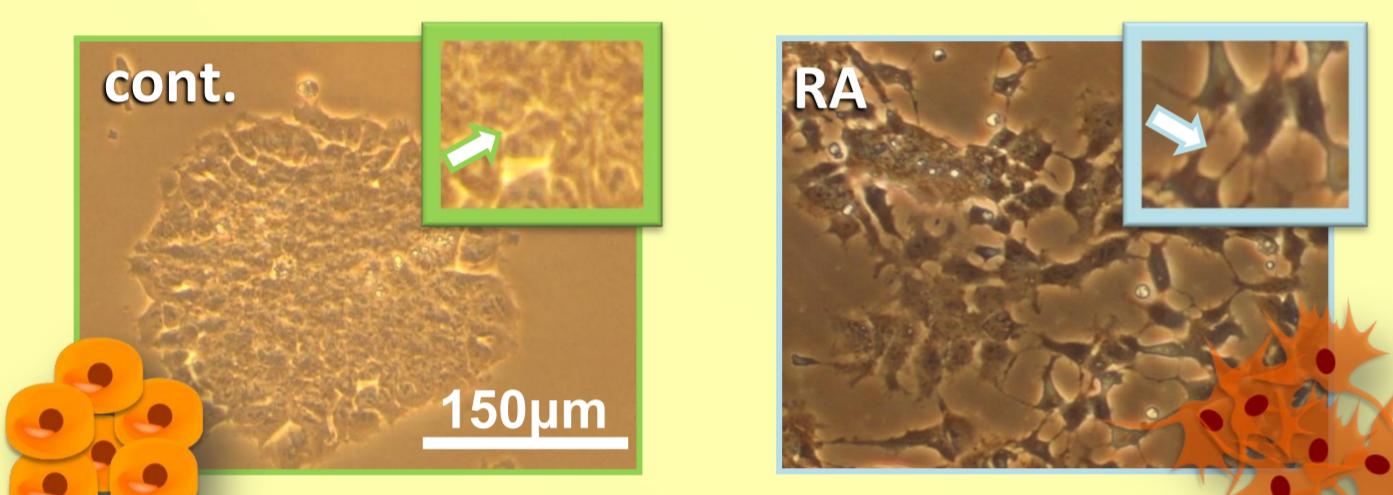
d) Mouse teratocarcinoma

e) The method for the unidirectional differentiation to the endodermal lineage has been well established with using all-trans retinoic acid (RA).



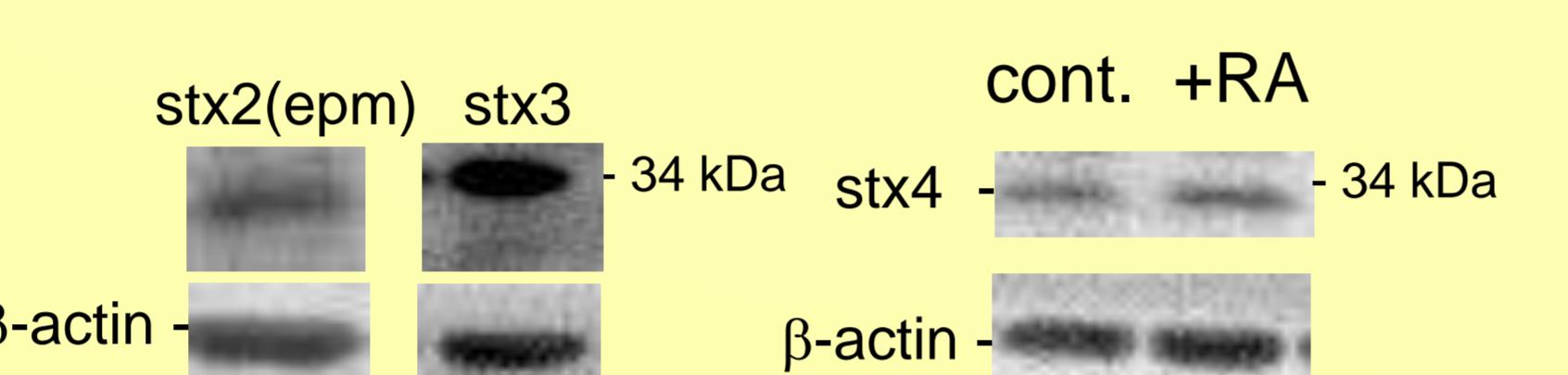
## ① Morphology in RA treated F9 cells and the surface expression of syntaxin4

### morphology

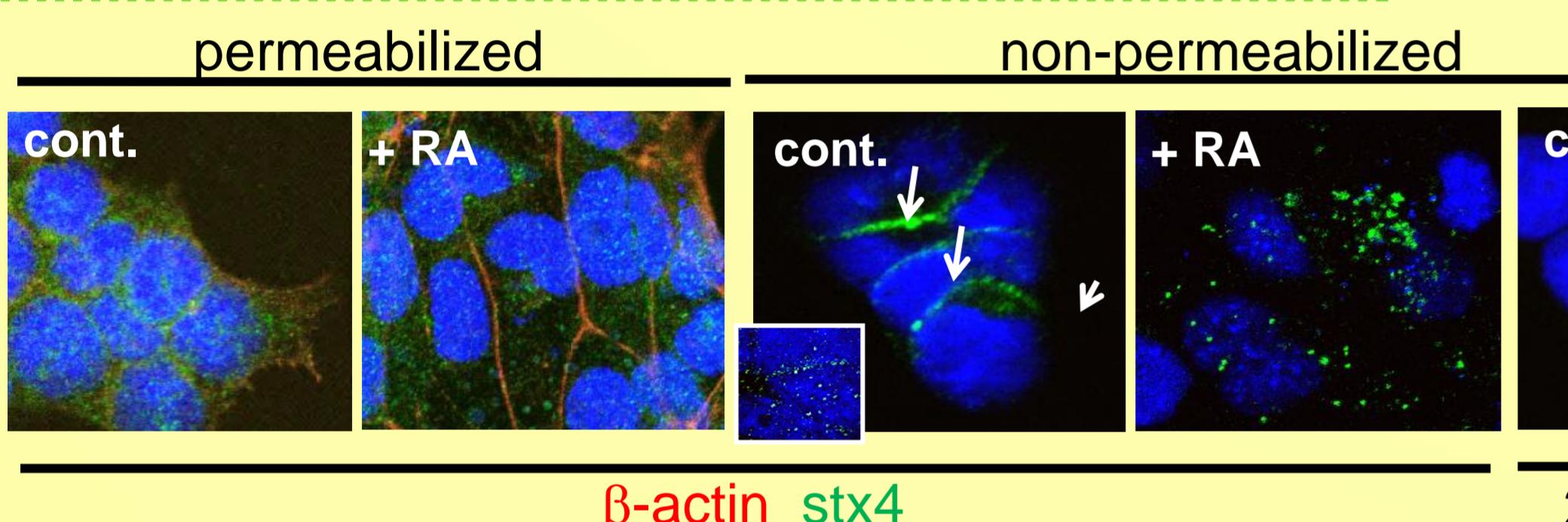


well-packed colonies → flattened morphology (substrate-adhesion↑)

### endogenous



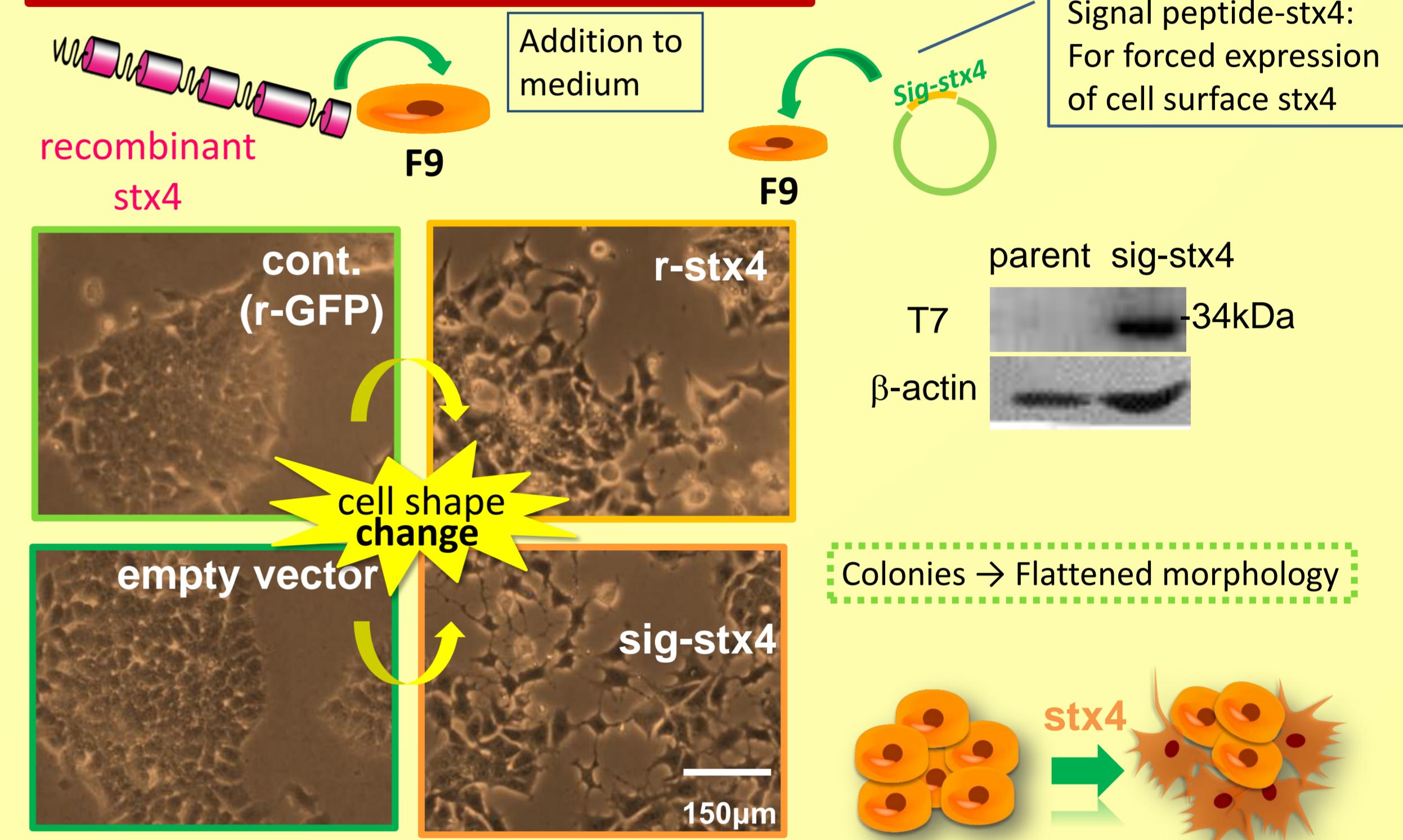
Amount of stx4 was not affected by differentiation induction.



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Differentiation induction perturbed stx4's polar localization.

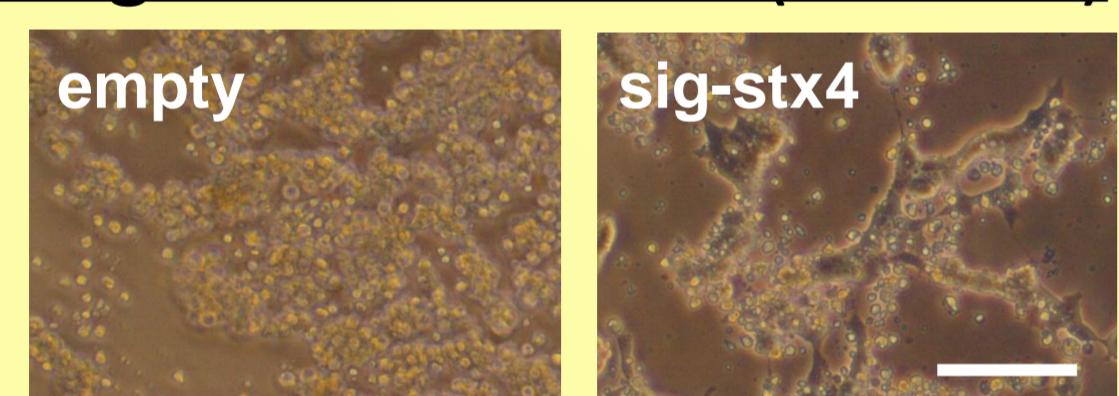
## ② Effect of stx4 on morphology



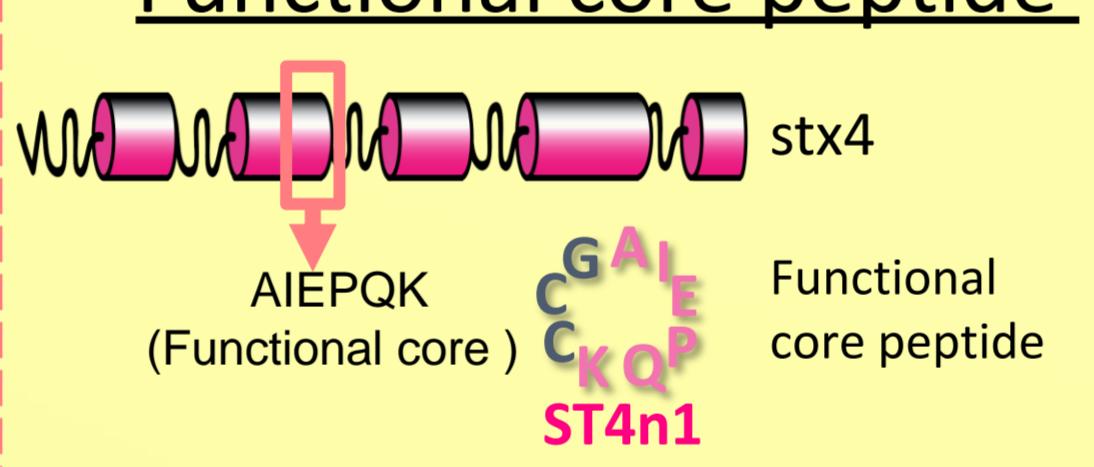
Extracellularly stx4 led to flattened and spreading morphology (RA).

## ③ Effect of stx4 on cell-substrate adhesion

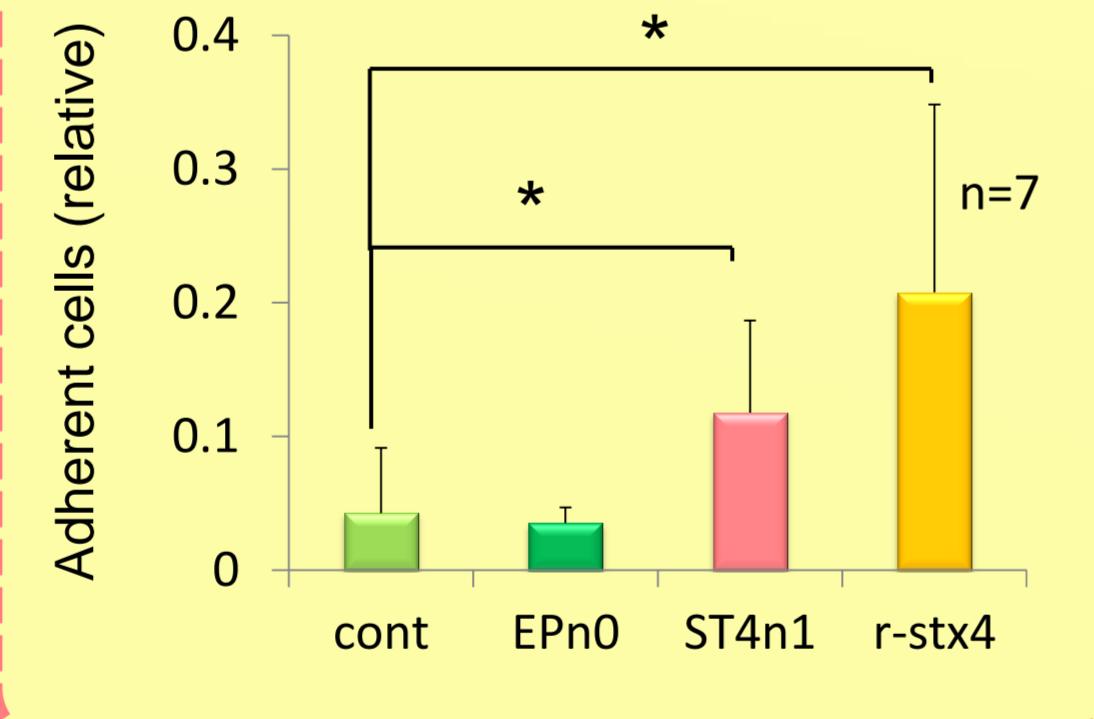
### Long term adhesion (starved)



### Functional core peptide



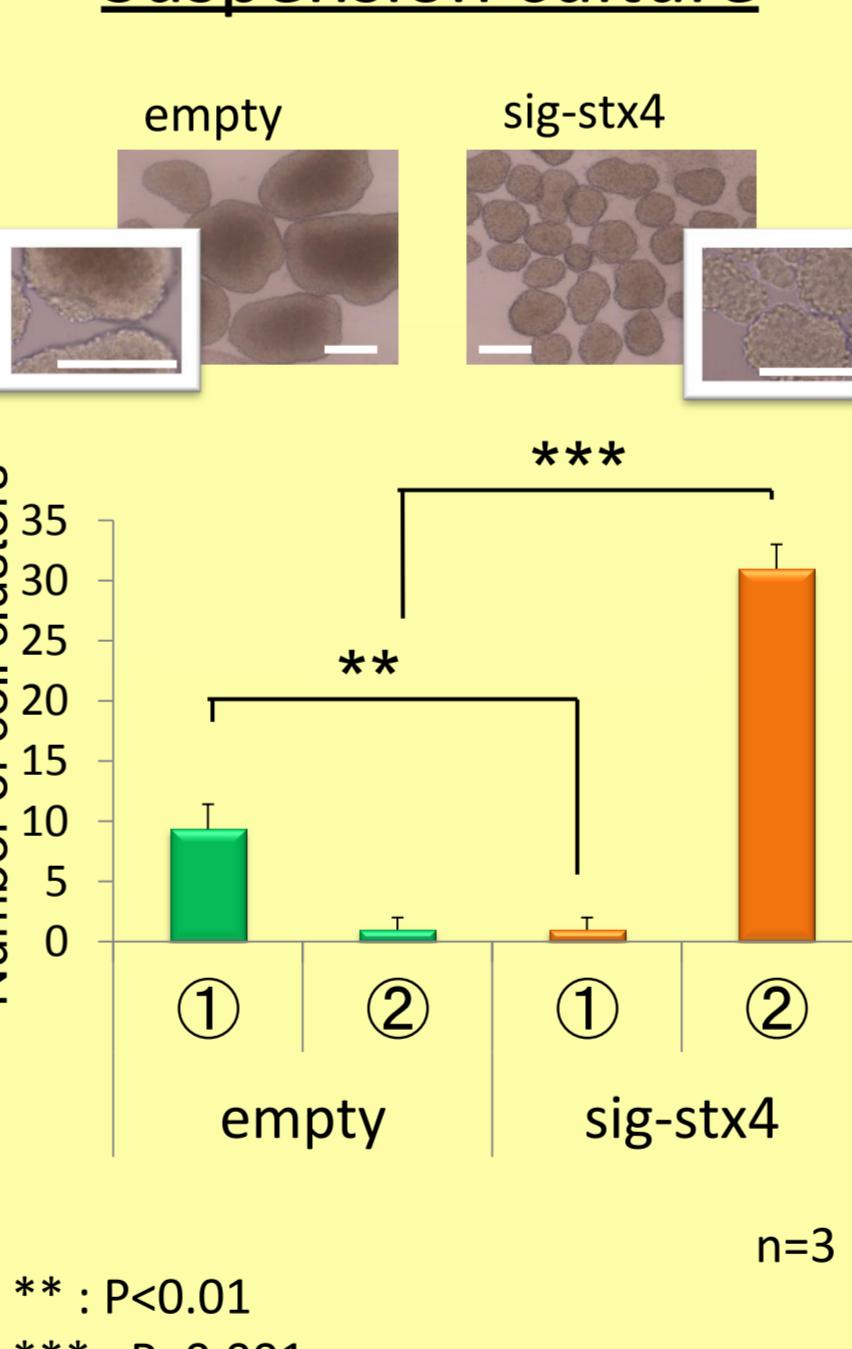
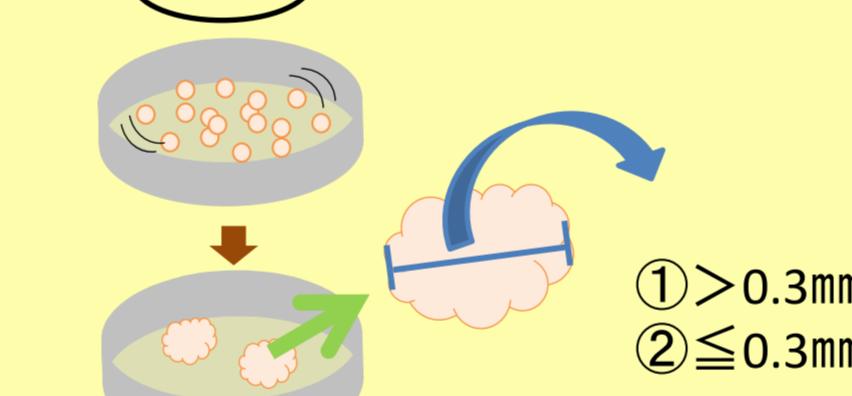
### Adhesion / Spreading onto petri dish



Extracellularly supplied Stx4 enhance cell-substrate adhesion

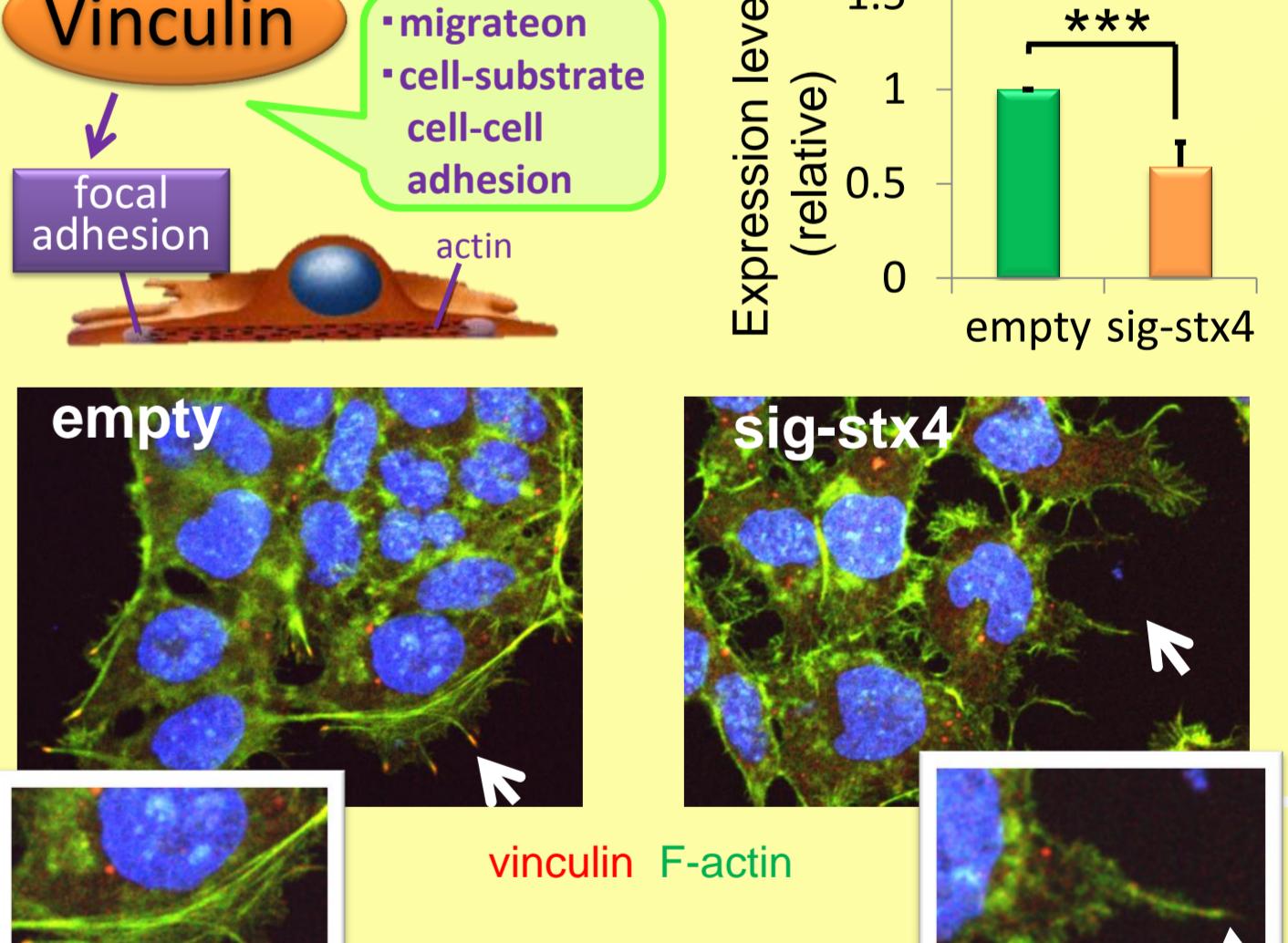
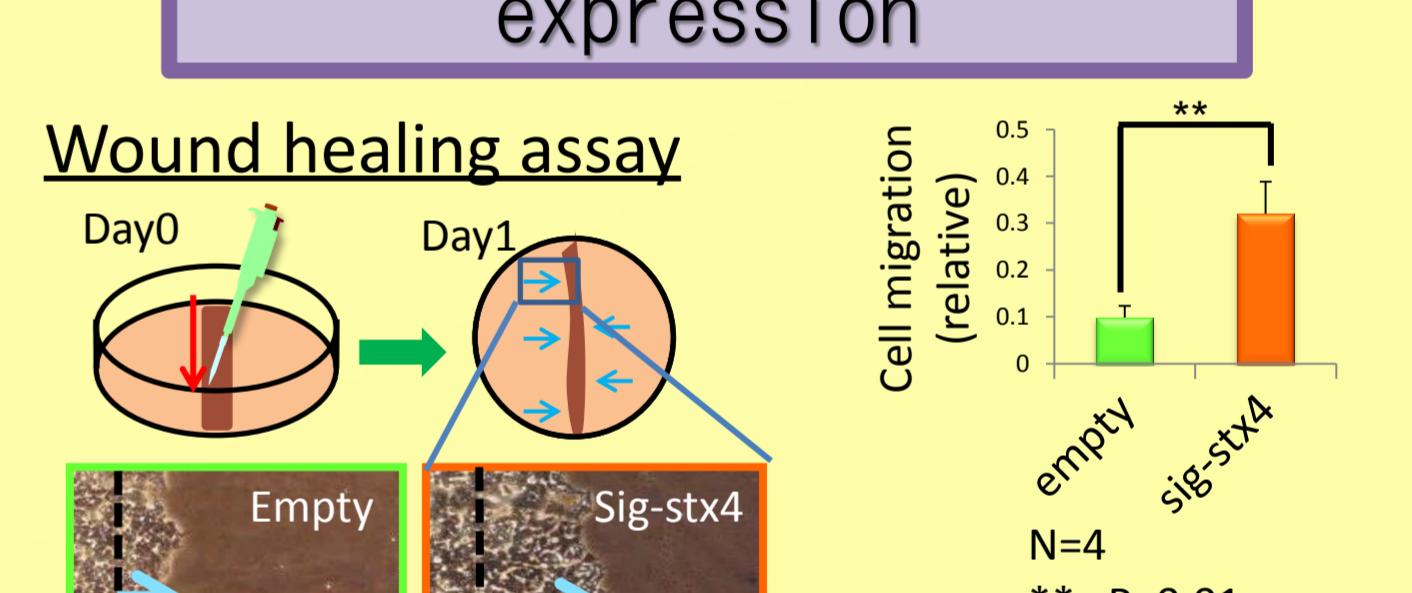
## ④ Effect of stx4 on cell-cell adhesion

### Suspension culture



Stx4 → cell-cell adhesion ↓  
< Cadherin-Catenin complex was not affected >

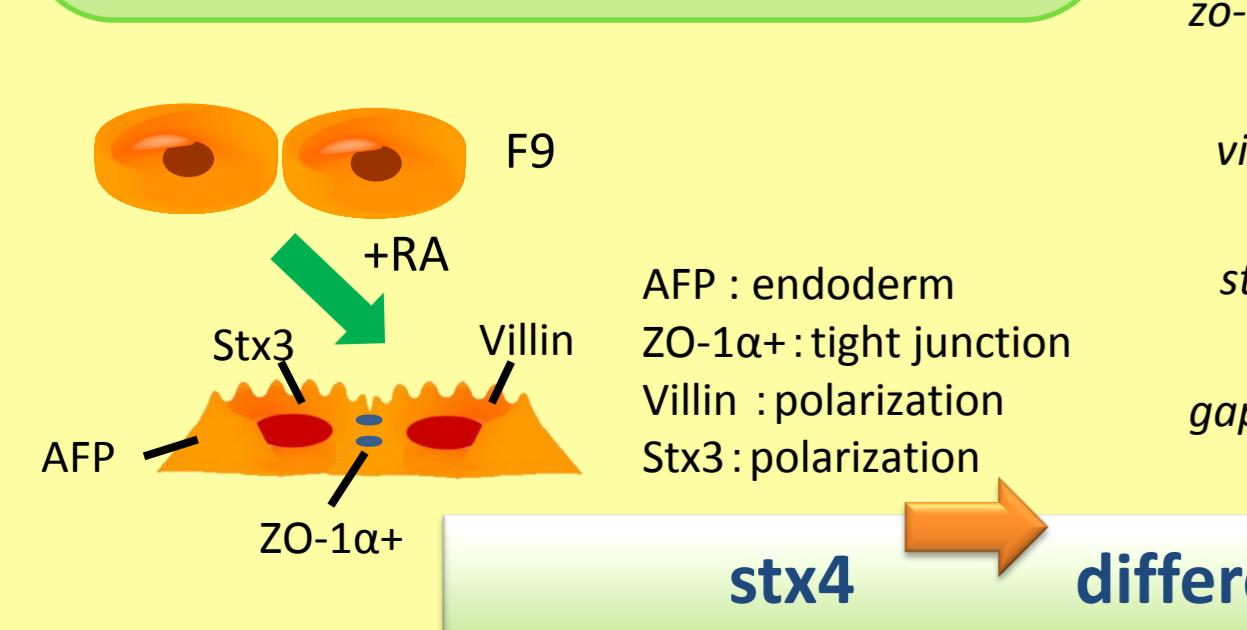
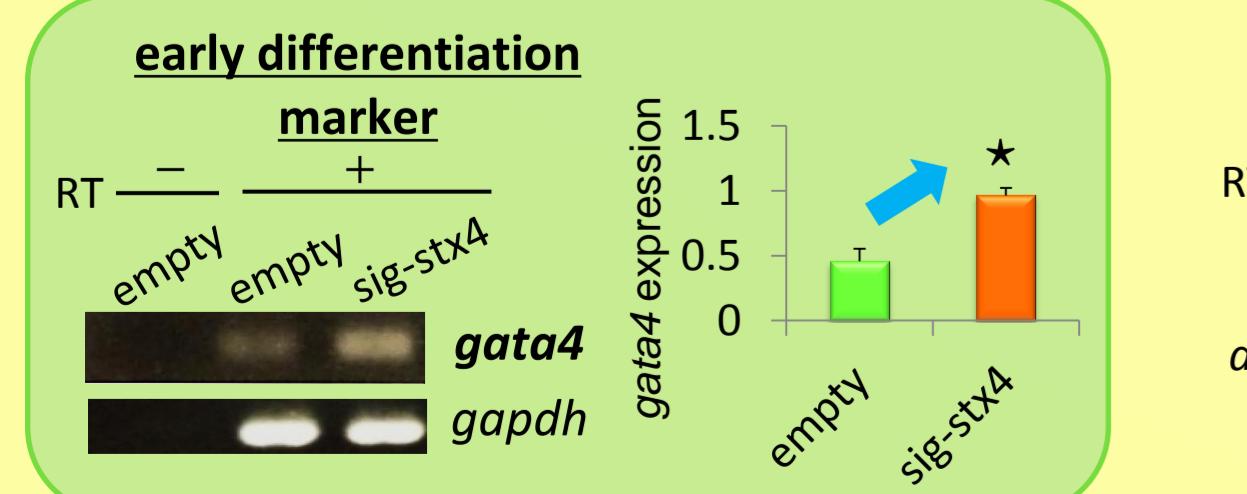
## ⑤ Effect of stx4 on migration and vinculin expression



Stx4 → migration ↑  
< down-regulation of Vinculin >

## ⑥ Effect of stx4 on differentiation

### Differentiation markers



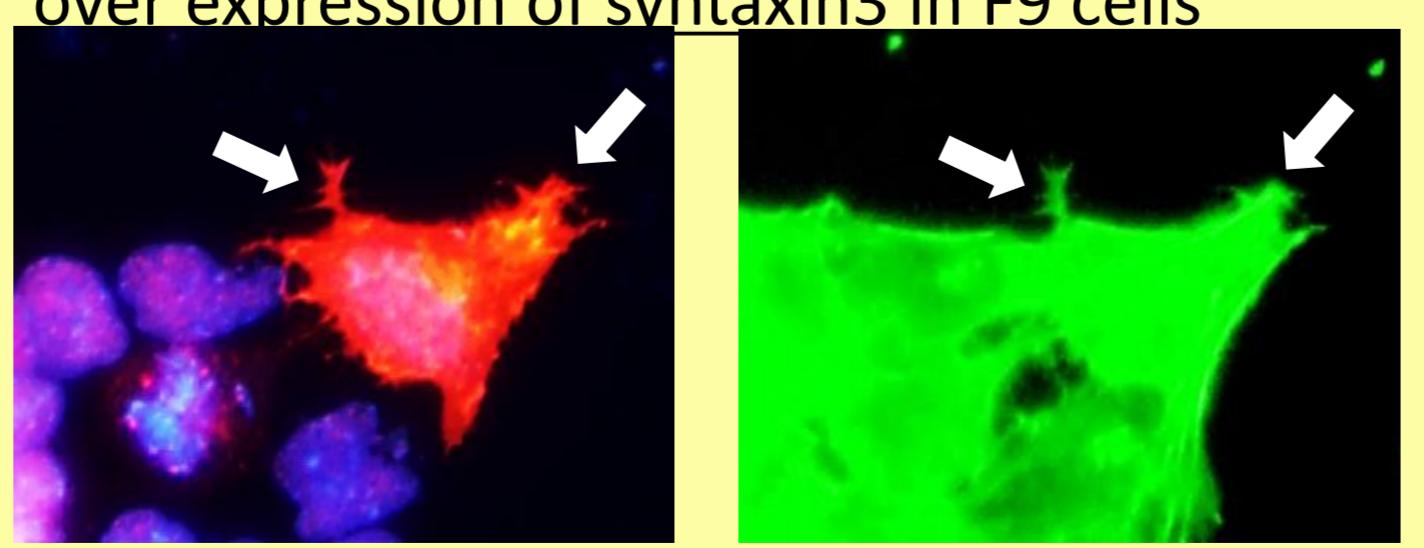
## ⑦ Involvement of stx3

### preceding study

intracellular stx3 → pseudopodia ↑

extracellular stx4 → stx3 ↑ (protein + mRNA)

⇒ over expression of syntaxin3 in F9 cells



extracellular stx4 → intracellular stx3 ↑  
stx3 → pseudopodia ↑, spread  
< stx3 partly mediates stx4's extracellular function >

## Conclusion

### anaplastic cell

F9 cell

cell shape

adhesion

cell-substrate ↑

cell-cell ↓

motility

migration ↑

Vinculin

stx3

differentiation markers

endoderm

gata4 afp

stx3 etc. ↑

P19 cell

ectoderm

mesoderm

Check supplementary results

Stx4 impacts morphology and cell-cell / cell-substrate adhesion to trigger the differentiation.